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Miranda Krogstad is making sign language front and centre of her poetry show, metroNEWS

A 'surprise' resignation

POLICE COMMISSION

Councillor quits a day after complaints informally resolved

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Police Commission said it was surprised by the resignation of commission member and city councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart from the CPC.

Commission chair Brian Thiessen said the CPC received her letter of resignation Tuesday.

"Though this resignation comes as a surprise, we would like to thank Coun. Colley-Urquhart for 10 years of service to the commission," said Thiessen.

"Coun. Colley-Urquhart brought significant expertise and a passion for public safety. We valued her perspective and contribution and wish her the best of luck."

This comes the day after the CPC released a statement indicating it had informally dealt with complaints about Colley-Urquhart's public response to workplace harassment issues within the Calgary Police Service.

Metro reached out to Colley-Urquhart both Monday and Tuesday.

On Monday she responded with "no comment" and on Tuesday she did not return Metro's calls or texts.

In 2016 Colley-Urquhart made numerous comments in the media about the CPS workplace issues stemming from a 2013 report that outlined bullying and harassment on the force. The mayor, police Chief Roger Chaffin and the CPC made statements that were prompted by Colley-Urquhart wading into the debate.

Jen Ward, a former Calgary police officer, who publicly resigned at the January CPC meeting due to issues with workplace culture as well as bullying and harassment within the Calgary Police Service, said she's upset by Colley-Urquhart's decision to resign.

"I am shocked and saddened by this because I felt like she was one of the few people who actually understood what we were going through, and now that she's not there it will be hard to build that level of trust with the people on the commission when we barely know them," she said.

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SLED ISLAND

250 acts selected

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Sled Island has announced its first wave of 2017 artists, including metalcore pioneers Converge.

The varied lineup includes noise-rock group Cloud Nothings, indie-rock songwriter Waxahatchee, electronic experimentalist Silver Apples and Ethiopian jazz great Hailu Mergia.

Recently, Sled Island announced this year's guest curator: rapper, DJ and filmmaker Flying Lotus.

The festival presents a lineup of music, comedy, film and art across 35 Calgary venues in June.

More than 250 acts have been selected, which will be announced in waves as the festival approaches.

For the full announcement, visit: www.sledisland.com.

IN BRIEF

Website allows users to report hate incidents

A new website is giving victims a safe place to document and track alleged hate incidents in Alberta. Stophateab.ca was launched Monday by the Alberta Hate Crime Committee, a group that includes representatives from the justice sector, government and community organizations.

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Mount Royal mourns victims of plane crash

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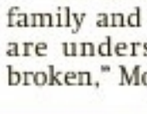
Both MRU pilots had years of flying experience



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Mount Royal University's aviation program is down but not permanently grounded after an unprecedented tragedy.

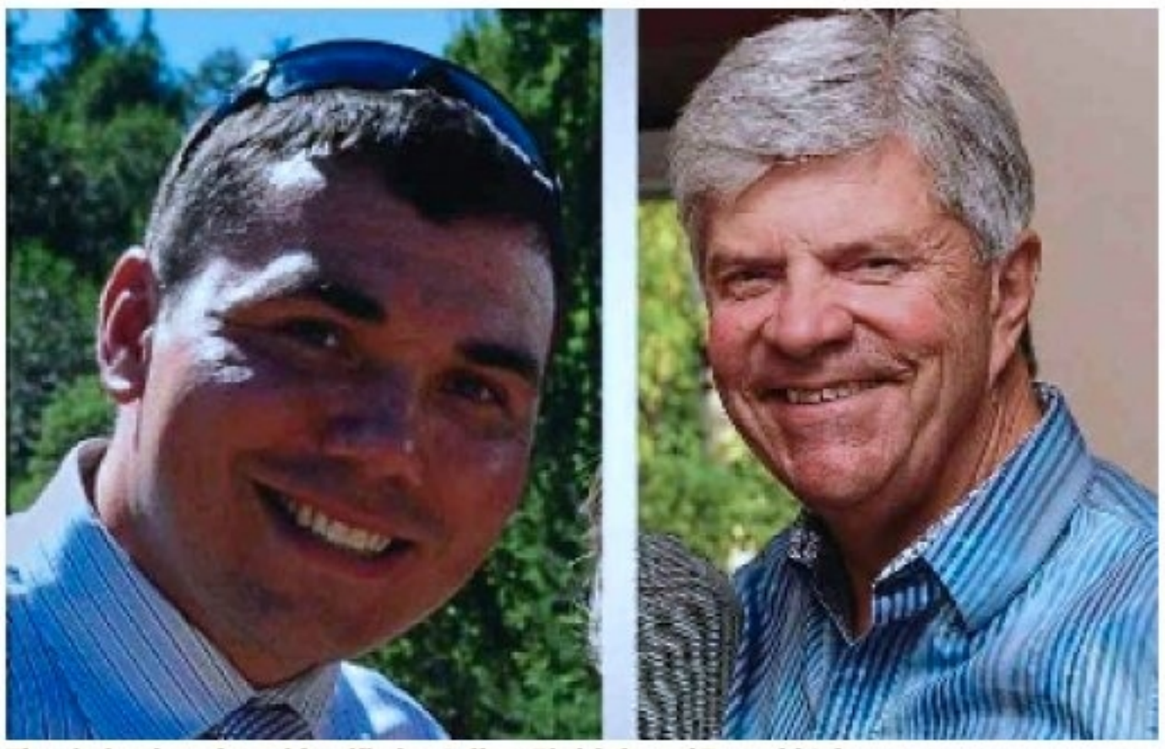
On Monday evening the program had it's first serious plane crash, and two of their highly qualified instructors died.

On Tuesday, the school confirmed the identity of one instructor as loved ones and students mourned the pair of teachers they all consider family.

Jeffrey Bird, or Jeff as his students would have known him, started working at the MRU Aviation school very recently. He came to the faculty with a background as a pilot instructor with the Royal Canadian Air Force where he was stationed in Moose Jaw.

Before his posting in the Air Force, he was a helicopter pilot in Edmonton with the 408 Squadron.

"We have spoken to the family and can tell you they are understandably heartbroken," Mount Royal University president David Docherty said.



The victims have been identified as Jeffery Bird, left, and Reynold Johnson. FACEBOOK

> **The family are understandably heartbroken.**
> David Docherty

The second instructor was identified as Reynold Johnson, better known as Reyn.

The university said he had a 35-year career in aviation with Air Canada and then Jazz. He is an alumnus of the University of Lethbridge.

Both pilots were experienced instructors, and the loss, a first for the program that's been running since the 1970s, has shaken the tight knit aviation community at MRU.

The serious crash happened Monday evening just after 6 p.m. A twin-engine TECNAM P2006T went down in the Waiparous area as another aircraft watched, reporting it to authorities.

It's still unclear what lead to the crash, but Monday evening RCMP confirmed the worst: there were two people in the plane, and no survivors. Later, MRU confirmed the aircraft was theirs.

It was a routine flight within the school's flight practice area out of the Springbank Airport.

According to the school there's no recorded incidents with the plane that went down, all of their planes undergo rigorous and routine inspections.

The school's fleet included five single-engine Cessna 172 planes and three of the twin-engine TECNAM planes, now minus the one lost in the crash.

CUL-DE-SACS

Parking solution on way

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Calgary City Council voted unanimously to move forward on a possible solution to angle parking in cul-de-sacs.

The matter has been a problem in the city for years. Provincial regulations prevent angle parking, except where it's marked. Homeowners in cul-de-sacs, however, have found it's the most efficient use of space.

Ward 12 Coun. Shane Keating, along with Couns. Richard Pootmans and Peter Demong, pitched a solution to council Tuesday afternoon. Their notice of motion asks administration to come up with a formal process, including guidelines on petitions and a cost-recovery mechanism for the signs. "My vision is to have two signs at an appropriate space that says angle parking is allowed between the two signs," said Keating.

Much of the concern with angle parking involves blocking driving space for larger vehicles, such as waste and recycling trucks and fire trucks.

Coun. Joe Magliocca wanted to know if the city would in any way be liable if an emergency vehicle couldn't access a home, but city administration noted the process would cover that.

Coun. Brian Pincott made the argument that citizens don't pay for signs in the case of disabled parking but his motion to remove the cost recovery from the motion was not seconded.

Eggen rejects ask for advisers' names

PUBLIC INTEREST

While advocate scoffs at idea that identities lead to 'political attacks'

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

A privacy and access watchdog calls Alberta Education's refusal to release the names of the individuals making up the curriculum expert working groups a "perverse" interpretation of the Freedom of Information Act.

Metro previously reported on the provincial government's undertaking of a full curriculum overhaul and how the names of individuals at the reins — the "expert working groups" — aren't being made public.

After continued refusal from Alberta Education to release the information, Metro put in a FOIP request. A reply given to Metro on Jan. 23 indicated the information would be released publicly Feb. 13, but they've since had a change of heart.

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It's the material that should be scrutinized and constructively criticized if need be, but not the individuals.
David Eggen

Education Minister David Eggen refused Metro's Freedom of Information request for a list of the names of the individuals on the expert working groups involved in overhauling the provincial curriculum. LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

Education Minister David Eggen said his reluctance to release the names of the individuals in the curriculum working groups stems from a worry that the individuals will be the subject of "political attacks."

"We've seen it already from opposition, and a PC leadership candidate and these political attacks can be directed at me, but I would ask they leave the people on the curriculum working groups out of it," he said.

Sharon Polsky, president of the Privacy Access Council of Canada, told Metro she believes Alberta Education is using the FOIP Act as a shield to prevent disclosure.

"Governments across Canada that profess to subscribe to openness and accountability — this flies in the face of their own stated policy," she said.

Polsky said using the FOIP Act to try to prevent these attacks is not the purpose of the act.

"That's a perverse interpretation of the FOIP law. Especially nowadays with social media, everybody is subject to being criticized," she said.

"It allows anybody to weigh in, which means based on this logic — and I use the word generously — absolutely every name must be concealed to protect them against ever potentially receiving criticism or being threatened."

Further, Polsky said the release of this information is in the public's interest.

"As a parent, as a taxpayer and as an educator — it very much is in the public interest to know who, what're their views and what is the expertise and the qualifications of the people who are going to set the curriculum for the next generations — plural — of Albertans," she said. "It's absolutely critical to public interest."

Eggen said he believes there has "never been a more transparent process"

"People are amping this up to score political points. We have built a process that's never been more transparent," he said.

"It's the material that should be scrutinized and constructively criticized if need be, but not the individuals who are producing it."

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MEDICINE

Family 'devastated' after rejected body donation

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

When Heather Gray's father died of cancer last December, everyone in the family thought his body would be donated to medical research, just like he'd indicated more than a year before his death.

Unfortunately, Don Gray's final wishes couldn't be respected — apparently no one told the family that in addition to inking his decision with the provincial organ registry, full-body donors must complete a second consent form from the respective university to which they wish to donate their body.

"There was no indication of that whatsoever on the consent form," Gray said. The form was revised for clarity's sake last fall, but Gray is concerned about those who signed up prior to the changes, like her father.

"Had they also identified a need to contact those who signed up prior to the revision of the form, we probably wouldn't have gone through what we're going through," Gray said.

In addition, no one ever mentioned to the Gray family that people with metastasized cancer can't donate their bodies — the preservative used doesn't penetrate the cancerous tissue. "Nobody told us he would have been rejected anyway," Gray said.

Her father didn't have an alternate plan in place, leaving the family with a difficult decision. "We felt like we had fallen into a nightmare.… It was devastating," Gray said.

Alberta's Minister of Health Sarah Hoffman said the government is taking steps to prevent this situation from happening again.

"We've tried to make that very clear so that this doesn't happen to any other family — knowing that there were some complications, my heart couldn't feel worse," Hoffman said.

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Poet Miranda Krogstad created a show to share her passions in spoken word with her friend, who is deaf. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Inclusivity in poetry

ARTS

Festival will present work using sign language

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

It's the only spoken word show you have to see to believe.

Calgarian poet Miranda Krogstad is organizing Unspoken: a poetry festival presented entirely using American Sign Language.

The poets will be hidden behind a screen for the entire show, with only their silhouettes available. Taking centre stage will actually be an ASL interpreter, who will sign the words as the poets speak.

"When I got my friend to sign my poems for the first time — it's like watching my words be danced," Krogstad said.

She started work on the show last year, with the desire to share her passion with her friend, who is deaf.

The more she worked on it, the more Krogstad found sign language to be a natural fit for her style of poetry.

"Spoken word, it's very expressive, and so is ASL," she said. "There's a big performative aspect to spoken word. It's poetry that begs to jump off the page. To have ASL, where your hand movements are so pointed and purposeful, really lends itself to that."

She chose poets who use very evocative prose, with lots of imagery, for the festival.

The poets are kept behind the screen so that the motions of the interpreter can't be ignored — it's not a peripheral thing they've added to the show, but the main focus.

Unspoken takes place Feb. 18 at the Lunchbox Theatre, starting at 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Free family fun for long weekend in Calgary

The rumours are true — provincial parks, historic sites, and museums will be open to the public for no cost this Family Day.

The upcoming long weekend also marks the first of two "Family Fishing Weekends" in Alberta — no fishing licence will be required between Feb. 17-20. A total of nine heritage facilities will offer free admission on Family Day only, including the Royal Terrell Museum and Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump.

Within city limits, families can gather at the Bow Habitat Station for free outdoor activities including snowshoeing. METRO

An Indigenous view on resources

FOSSIL FUELS

How energy firms win by understanding communities

Cheryl Cardinal
For Alberta Oil Magazine

Resource development in Canada is changing. The way the energy industry has done business in the past clearly is not working, and we need to start examining why.

Understanding the history of Indigenous people in this country and the inclusion of Indigenous peoples through resource and energy developments is important because energy and resource development is happening in and around our communities.

There are so many considerations that we have to examine when we are looking to be involved. Indigenous leaders always consider the environmental impacts and how they will affect our future generations while examining the opportunities and how they can benefit their communities. Some Indigenous peoples are successful and are very engaged in oil, gas, mining and renewable energy industries.

As Indigenous peoples, we have great examples of opportunities where we have come together to take advantage of business opportunities and participate meaningfully. We must also recognize that there are Indigenous communities that are struggling who need a bit more help — some of them need to look at what opportunities work for them when it comes to business. Ultimately, it comes back to empowering the community to move forward.

Those who are opposing pipelines are examining the environmental standards in place and looking at the impacts on the land. Traditionally speaking, we look at the actions that we are taking today and how those actions will impact our future generations. The time that communities take to make a decision in regards to resource development is used to talk through our elders, youth, leaders and community members. We want to be part of the decision and be at the table when we are looking at resource developments. This will give us the chance to examine the pipeline route and discuss areas that are culturally significant to us.

We know where our ancestors are buried, we know where we gather our medicines, our hunting, fishing and trapping areas. Throughout Canadian history, the federal government has been attempting to erase who we are in this country. Our culture, our identity, our Treaty and Aboriginal rights and our position in this country need to be recognized and respected. This will lead to true reconciliation for Indigenous peoples and Canada.

Cheryl Cardinal, chief executive of the Indigenous Centre of Energy. COURTESY ALBERTA OIL MAGAZINE

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The levels of involvement depend on the community. You have companies like Eagle Spirit pipelines led by Calvin Helin, who want to specifically build a pipeline owned by Indigenous peoples. Some want to help build pipelines and want to generate business through their band-owned companies and provide services to the pipeline and resource companies. There are also some communities that are examining opportunities to be environmental stewards so if there is a leak they will be able to catch it so it does not damage their traditional territories.

You also have to recognize that some want nothing to do with pipeline development at all. That's where the diverse opinions come in. There are many who say, 'we need these pipelines for the economy — to create jobs we need to start building this. We need to start exporting our product to places other than just the United States. We need to be able to get our product to tidewater to the global market.'

But others say, 'we had this pipeline, and this happened and point out all the environmental impacts that it has.' There are similarities between Canadians in general, and the positions of Indigenous peoples bring forward. There needs to be education surrounding pipelines and resource developments so Indigenous communities can examine the specific involvement of the communities.

Report calls for time limits on inactive oil and gas wells

A new report from the University of Calgary is calling for limits on how long oil and gas wells in Alberta should be allowed to remain on stand-by.

The study by Lucija Muehlenbachs says most of the roughly 80,000 inactive wells in the province wouldn't be worth restarting even if oil prices or technology significantly improve.

Oil and gas producers partially close off, or suspend, wells rather than go ahead with a sometimes costly full reclamation because the wells could be worth producing from again in the future.

But Muehlenbachs's research shows that even if oil prices double, only about 12 per cent of oil wells would be reactivated. Even with a five-fold increase in oil reserves, thanks to technological innovation, only about 10 per cent of oil wells and six per cent of gas wells would be worth restarting, he found.

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Research shows that just 10 per cent of oil wells would be worth restarting if oil prices rose five fold.

The report finds that most wells aren't fully reclaimed to avoid the cost of doing so, and with no time limit on how long they can remain on stand-by, there's a risk that companies might not be around in the future to pay for those liabilities.

The orphan well fund, which manages wells where the owner has gone bankrupt or can't be found, has already gone from 162 in early 2015 to 1,395 as of last December.

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SIXTIES SCOOP

Judge sides with survivors in groundbreaking decision

After trying for eight years to have a class-action lawsuit brought by Ontario survivors of the '60s Scoop thrown out, the federal government was dealt a blow Tuesday in a stinging ruling by a Toronto judge who found in the survivors' favour.

The government had a "common law duty of care" to take reasonable steps to prevent on-reserve children from losing their Indigenous identity after they were removed and placed in non-Indigenous care between 1965 and 1984, concluded Superior Court Justice Edward Belobaba.

"Canada breached this common law duty of care," the judge said.

It's believed there are at least 16,000 survivors of the '60s Scoop in Ontario, who have spoken of psychological harm as a result of the loss of their cultural identity, which has affected them throughout adulthood.

Beaverhouse First Nation Chief Marcia Brown Martel is the lead plaintiff in an Ontario class-action suit. A judge ruled Tuesday in favour of 16,000 Indigenous Ontarians who were removed from their communities in the Sixties Scoop. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The Sixties Scoop happened and great harm was done," Belobaba wrote in his 20-page ruling.

"The uncontroverted evidence of the plaintiff's experts is that the loss of their aboriginal identity left the children fundamentally disoriented, with a reduced ability to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. The loss of aboriginal identity resulted in psychiatric disorders, substance abuse, unemployment, violence and numerous suicides."

The victory — the first for a '60s Scoop lawsuit in Canada — after years of legal wrangling was hailed by the plaintiffs and Indigenous rights groups, who acknowledged this is not the end of the case.

The next phase is to assess the damages the government owes the plaintiffs, who were asking for $1.3 billion. Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett, who said the government will not appeal Belobaba's ruling, said Tuesday she wants to get all parties to the table as quickly as possible.

The lead plaintiff, Marcia Brown Martel, 53, a member of the Temagami First Nation near Kirkland Lake, Ont., was adopted by a non-aboriginal couple in 1972 at age nine.

She later discovered the Canadian government had declared her original identity dead.

"I feel like a great weight has been lifted from my heart," Brown Martel said. "Our pain was acknowledged."

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EDUCATION

Liberals write off $178M in loans

The federal government for the second year in a row is writing off millions in student loans it will never collect, this time to the tune of $178.4 million.

The money represents 32,554 loans that federal officials believe they will never be able to collect, either because a debtor may have filed for bankruptcy, the debt itself has passed a six-year legal limit on collection, or the debtor can't be found.

Last year, the government wrote off 33,967 loans totalling $176 million.

Federal officials have increased their efforts in recent years to collect outstanding student loans after watching write-offs hit $312 million in 2012 and $295 million in 2015.

The previous Conservative government ordered officials to ramp up collection efforts in order to bring the write-offs under control.

The Liberals' first budget offered a new tool for the Canada Revenue Agency in its collection efforts: legal changes allowing it to use tax information for the purpose of collecting debts from the student loan program overseen by Employment and Social Development Canada.

Figures provided by the CRA late last year showed the agency collected $208.8 million in unpaid loans, a three per cent increase in collections between 2015 and 2016.

The CRA is responsible for collecting loans in default and can do so by withholding income tax refunds to cover the outstanding amount, or by referring cases to the attorney general for legal action — which could lead to garnisheeing wages or seizing assets.

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IMMIGRATION

Goodale and U.S. counterpart to talk border ‘issues’

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says he will soon talk face-to-face with his U.S. counterpart about the difficulties some Canadians are experiencing at the border.

Goodale said Tuesday he will have a chance in coming weeks — no date has been set — to discuss any border "issues or tensions" with Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly.

"We're working on the scheduling of that," Goodale said after a cabinet meeting. "The atmosphere in terms of the preliminary relationship seems to be very, very good."

The Nexus trusted-traveller cards of about 200 Canadian permanent residents were suddenly cancelled after President Donald Trump issued an executive immigration order banning visitors from seven largely Muslim countries.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale

There have been several recent reports about minorities being turned away at the U.S. border. At the same time, Manitoba is grappling with an influx of would-be refugees crossing at remote border points in bitterly cold weather.

Goodale was briefed on the refugee issue Tuesday by RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson and Canada Border Services Agency president John Ossowski.

"They're redeploying resources to make sure that they've got the right people at the right place to be able to cope with these matters," Goodale said.

The border issues have threatened to overshadow progress Canada made this week in Washington on plans for cargo preclearance to speed up trade as well as more extensive co-operation on fending off cyberthreats.

Goodale was among the ministers who accompanied Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on his first visit with Trump.

Canada and the U.S. agreed to move ahead with preclearance of cargo, which allows for the examination of shipments by the destination country at special sites inside the territory of the departure country. The idea is to benefit travellers and trade by reducing congestion and delays at the border.

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POLITICS

President Trump has lots of problems, but Canada isn't one

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has assured his U.S. counterpart over the phone that there might be 10,000 problems that land on his White House desk — and Canada won't be among them.

How true that promise rang Tuesday. Trudeau had barely left Washington and the cheer of a drama-free day was swiftly overshadowed by an incoming storm of palace intrigue, back-stabbing, leaks, international incidents and a spying scandal that rocked Donald Trump's White House.

Trump's national security adviser Michael Flynn wandered in to watch the Trudeau-Trump news conference. It made for an awkward scene, as, just a few feet away, a U.S. journalist was chatting on air about whether Flynn might be fired.

He was, hours later.

Less than 24 hours later, at another news conference, Trump's spokesman was asked why Flynn was fired. Sean Spicer said it was because the former military man and campaign surrogate had misled the president about his phone calls.

"The evolving and eroding level of trust as a result of this situation and a series of other questionable instances is what led the president to ask for Gen. Flynn's resignation," Spicer said.

Several media outlets were tipped off about the existence of transcripts of Flynn-Russia phone calls, intercepted by U.S. intelligence. It's just one of several high-level calls leaked to journalists recently.

There are demands for a full investigation into the administration's interactions with the Russian government — Democrats want one and the idea is gaining support among Republicans.

Trump, meanwhile, tweeted: "The real story here is why are there so many illegal leaks coming out of Washington? Will these leaks be happening as I deal on (North) Korea?"

Speaking of North Korea, the nuclear-armed nation produced two surprises this week. The first was its latest missile test — as Trump spent the weekend with the leader of North Korean nemesis Japan.

Then the half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was assassinated at an airport in Malaysia. As he died, he told medical workers he'd been attacked with a chemical spray, an official there said.

International tensions didn't end there.

National Security Adviser Michael Flynn has left his position in the Trump administration. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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President Donald Trump was told in late January that his top national security aide had misled his vice-president, three weeks before Trump ousted adviser Michael Flynn amid a swirling public controversy over Flynn's contacts with a Russian official, said press secretary Sean Spicer on Tuesday.

Russia reportedly tested a new cruise missile despite U.S. complaints that it violated a landmark 1987 arms treaty. With respect to Russia, Spicer told Tuesday's briefing that U.S. policy hasn't changed — sanctions will remain and Russia should return Crimea to Ukraine.

Then there was Venezuela: the U.S. on Tuesday officially designated its vice-president a drug trafficker.

In the meantime, more leaks.

Several sources have now said that top White House aide Reince Priebus might be the next to hear the reality-show-star-turned-president deliver that signature phrase: You're fired.

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Joe Trudeau visits — wait, what?

Donald Trump's press secretary, Sean Spicer, had a lot on his mind at the start of his daily briefing on Tuesday. Which may or may not explain what he called Canada's prime minister.

Joe.

Spicer used much of his opening statement to explain the forced resignation of Trump's national security adviser, Michael Flynn. Before he let reporters begin grilling him on the Flynn fiasco, he found a bit of time to mention Trump's Monday meeting with Justin Trudeau.

"Yesterday the president set — had an incredibly productive set of meetings and discussions with Prime Minster Joe Trudeau of Canada," he said, "focusing on our shared commitment to close co-operation in addressing both the challenges facing our two countries and the problems throughout the world. Our countries share a profound economic interest, with more than $2 billion in two-way trade flowing across our border every day."

It was not immediately clear if Spicer is familiar with the Molson ads featuring a Joe from Canada.

Spicer has faced mockery for his slips of the tongue, deliberate deceit and attacks on the reporters asking him questions.

Trump's chaos-plagued young administration has been struggling with basic tasks like identifying foreign leaders correctly. It has called U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May "Teresa," called the president of Colombia the president of "Columbia," and called the prime minister of Australia the president of Australia. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

On Tuesday Press Secretary Sean Spicer mentioned Trump's meeting with PM Justin Trudeau, whom Spicer called "Joe." GETTY IMAGES

VIDEO ON THE METRO APP

Elections may soon see more women of colour running

As Samia Assed watched U.S. election returns come in with her children and another Muslim family, she panicked when it became clear that Donald Trump would win the presidency. The Palestinian-American woman wondered if they would have to register as Muslims, as Trump said during his campaign. Would she be barred from wearing her hijab in public?

Assed has turned her fears into action, joining what advocacy groups say are hundreds, possibly thousands of women of colour, who are exploring a run for public office. Across the United States, women are gathering signatures, attending workshops and signing up for fundraising and public-speaking classes as they set their eyes on school board seats, city councils, state offices and even Congress.

Just how many women of colour will actually seek office is anyone's guess. Advocacy groups say it's too early to determine how many women will formally file papers, but they believe the number could triple. Some are deciding on what position to seek, while others are waiting for 2018 or 2019, advocates said.

VoteRunLead director Erin Vilardi said the group has seen a jump in the number of women interested in politics. The New York-based group typically draws 50 to 100 participants for webinars like From Protester to Politician.

But since November, the webinars have attracted more than 1,000 participants each time, Vilardi said. And about half of those signing up are women of colour.

"From our inboxes to our social media sites, we can't keep up with the fire hose," Vilardi said.

Samia Assed, a Palestinian-American, has turned her fears over Donald Trump's election into action. RUSSELL CONTRERAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **I knew I had to do something to step up.**
> Monic Behnken

In interviews with The Associated Press, some say Trump's win and his past comments on minorities and women sparked them to jump into politics. Others, like Monic Behnken, 44, cite the divisiveness of the presidential campaign or Democrat Hillary Clinton's defeat among the motivating factors.

Behnken, a criminal justice professor at Iowa State University, is seeking a seat on the Ames School Board.

"Seeing how this ugliness was filtering into my children's lives was probably the thing that motivated me the most," said Behnken, who is black. "I knew I had to do something to step up to make the world as safe for them as I could."

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Attention shifts to PM's Europe trip

FREE-TRADE DEAL

Ratification vote expected to coincide with visit

The prime minister is now off to hopefully put (the Canada-EU free trade deal) in his pocket and bring it home.
John Manley

Feeling a sense of relief following Donald Trump's remarks on the future of U.S. trade with Canada, business leaders are now hoping for a second wave of positive news out of Europe.

Corporate Canada is shifting its focus to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's trip across the Atlantic later this week.

Trudeau's visit is expected to coincide with the European Union's ratification vote on its free-trade deal with Canada, an agreement nearly scuttled last fall due to opposition from a small region in Belgium.

"The prime minister is now off to hopefully put (the Canada-EU free trade deal) in his pocket and bring it home from Europe, which would also be good news," John Manley, the president of the Business Council of Canada, said in an interview.

Canada is expected to ratify the deal after the European Parliament gives its OK, which is expected to come Wednesday. The next day, Trudeau will arrive in Strasbourg, France, where he will extol the merits of liberalized trade in a speech to the European Parliament.

Trudeau will then travel to Berlin for a meeting with Chancellor Angela Merkel, where the trade message is expected to be reinforced.

Business leaders in Canada said they were somewhat comforted by U.S. President Donald Trump's comments Monday after his first face-to-face meeting with Trudeau.

In particular, they highlighted the president's remark that the U.S. was in favour of "tweaking" the North American Free Trade Agreement, rather than ripping up or dramatically changing the deal, as Trump had vowed to do during the election campaign. "We'll be doing certain things that are going to benefit both of our countries," Trump said.

There are expectations in Canada that the president's words will help lift business confidence after weeks of companies wondering what the future will hold.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Millions in spending pushed to next year, documents show

The Liberal government won't be able to spend hundreds of millions in infrastructure money this year, instead moving the planned spending to next year.

Spending documents released Tuesday show that $828 million that was budgeted to be spent this year on the Liberals' new infrastructure plan will be moved over to the coming fiscal year that begins April 1.

That amount represents about one-quarter of the $3.27 billion budgeted to be spent on new and existing infrastructure programs in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The figure doesn't include $282 million that Public Services and Procurement Canada and Fisheries and Oceans had planned to spend on federal infrastructure projects in this fiscal year. Nor does it include $24.4 million being carried over from a national program to upgrade community and cultural centres as part of Canada 150 celebrations.

It's not unheard of to have federal infrastructure money "reprofiled" from one fiscal year to the next: Spending analyses have shown that about one-quarter of infrastructure funds don't get spent in the year for which they are budgeted. The reason is that federal dollars only flow once project proponents submit receipts for reimbursement, often leaving a lag between when work takes place and when infrastructure money is actually spent. In some cases, the federal government won't receive receipts until the end of a project.

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JESSICA ALLEN ON SOLIDARITY SISTERS

It's good to see conflict in feminism as it strives to include women across race and class. It means it's breathing, alive, and thriving.

On Sunday night, the eve of Galentine's Day no less, Adele told the world her Album of the Year Grammy should've gone to Beyoncé. And then, as if the universe was steered by the forces of sisterhood, the top of the trophy popped off, leaving a piece for each.

It was a shining moment of female friendship. A gesture of solidarity between powerful female voices, Bey's mouthed words to Adele echoing into the era: "I love you."

It was amazing to see undercurrents that sometimes splinter the movement — questions of race and power, who gets included or excluded and why — seemed to melt away.

It was almost enough to make you forget that the institution representing power in the music industry gave the biggest award of the year to a white woman, again.

That beautiful moment also reminded us that though female friendship is a powerful short-hand for solidarity, this stuff is complicated. Really complicated.

Meanwhile, over at HBO, the season premiere of Girls illuminated the seedier side of female relationships.

Hannah Horvath, played by show creator Lena Dunham, lands a column in the New York Times by mining the pain generated by her best friend hooking up with her ex.

This stuff is complicated. Really complicated.

The byline leads to a meeting with the editor of the SlagMag: "We're basically hiring you for your look, your vibe and your shape. Just your whole thing," the editor, played by Chelsea Peretti, says. It is something Hannah's always wanted to hear.

The forces of female friendship split Adele's Grammy, so a piece could rightfully go to Beyoncé, Jessica Allen writes. GETTY IMAGES

She's sent on an assignment sold as "stupid and rad." She must infiltrate a surf school in the Hamptons attended by rich women, whom she will pick apart in print.

In a single scene, a woman slaps a scarlet "A" on her one-time friend while the editor reduces Hannah to a caricature and pays her to do the same to other women.

The second episode, which airs this Sunday, delves further into the complicated, sometimes volatile interactions between women. Shoshanna, played by Zosia Mamet, has landed a new marketing job and is eager to network at an event hosted by WEMUN, Women Entrepreneurs Meet Up Now.

It's a chance for "amazing business women" to connect and talk about how to "synergize and mobilize."

Jessa, lost professionally and personally, tags along, functioning as the audience's Greek choir, asking Shosh why she wants to surround herself with this brand of woman, especially with membership fees at $2,000.

"Whether it's how to rock a romper at a work event or who you should be voting for, a WEMUN woman is the person to ask," a co-founder tells the group. "Is it open for trans women? The answer is we don't know, OK?"

Not just a great punch line, that "we don't know" was refreshing. Having the courage to say "I don't know" when dealing with something as complex as the power of half the planet is hell of a lot better than the mission statement demanded by some after the Women's March on Washington.

Remember when Gloria Steinem and Madeleine Albright, two towering figures of feminism, told progressive young women who to vote for? Now that a man who has a public record of demeaning women is president of the U.S., this infighting over what some might consider minutiae of feminism, seems quaint.

The thorny problem here: feminism, which at its most basic means equal opportunities for women in every sphere, doesn't mean that 3.5 billion people have to agree with each other. Equality and liberty mean very different things, which is why the French made sure to include both words in their national motto.

It's good to see conflicts in the feminist movement as it strives to include women across race and class. It means it's breathing, alive, and thriving.

We are not going to agree on everything, which is why Girls, a show about four millennial white women living in Brooklyn is so good: it revels in the mess.

Though Hannah does express a sentiment that transcends all boundaries: "I definitely feel more like a dumpling than a woman," she said.

Welcome to the club.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

VICKY MOCHAMA

Don't bother asking the liar-in-chief for any answers on Flynn

With the late-night resignation of Donald Trump's national security adviser Michael Flynn, the question has to be asked: What did the president know and when did he know it?

The more important question for me, however, is: Are we all talking about the same president? And are we asking about what he knows? If they hadn't made him move house, I would doubt he was aware that he was actually president.

I'm not entirely certain he has read the American Constitution.

He can't have, because he would have thought long and hard (for him) before surrounding himself with opportunistic billionaires and Mike Pence while the 25th amendment still exists.

(Section 4 of the 25th Amendment allows a majority of the cabinet to declare the president unfit to serve. It also elevates the vice-president to the presidency.)

The one thing we can be certain of is that whenever Donald Trump was told A Thing is an entirely different moment from when he actually knew That Thing. Which is, in turn, a different event from when he will ultimately, and needlessly, lie about It.

After all, this is the administration that has introduced the world to "alternative facts."

In this way, Trump is an inspiring leader. You can see his on-again-off-again relationship with the truth all over his administration. At Tuesday morning's briefing, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer called our prime minister "Joe Trudeau." Maybe it was an accident, but the visit happened 24 hours ago. How hard is it to not screw up your guest's name?

Comically-innocent errors have been few and far between. Everything else is far more dangerous.

The promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act looks poised to just be a repeal. "Draining the swamp" has included putting billionaires from Goldman Sachs and ExxonMobil in the cabinet.

From the wild manipulations of adviser Kellyanne Conway to the mendacity of Spicer to the alleged threats from Omarosa Manigault, the staff are clearly taking their cues from the top.

Aside from the actual access he has to nuclear weapons, the daily danger that Trump possesses is that of a clueless white man speaking loudly on things he knows nothing about. This is an archetype who, when questioned, will lie and obfuscate.

As reported last summer in the Washington Post, in a 2007 deposition lawyers caught Trump in a lie 30 times. Try lying 30 times at your job today. They'll either make you CEO or show you the door. (Don't tell them I sent you; I take no responsibility.)

In this alternate reality we're living, the question should be asked: What did Trump voters know and when did they know it?

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ABC has named a black woman as its Bachelorette for the first time in the show's history. Rachel Lindsay, a 31-year-old attorney from Texas, will lead the 13th season of The Bachelor spinoff.

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Heartwarming winter soul food

Now's the time when a lot of Canadians wish they could bid winter farewell forever. But with these three heartwarming recipes, not only will you enjoy a toasty afternoon in the kitchen, you'll be able to savour all the comforting results throughout the week... RICARDO LARRIVÉE TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Spice-rubbed Pork Chops

Makes 4 servings.

You wouldn't think that a recipe that requires just 10 minutes of prep could yield such remarkable results, but that's the thing with pork chops: They're fast and delicious. This recipe pairs them with a brown sugar rub filled with the five-alarm fragrance of chili powder, black pepper, cumin and garlic, which caramelizes into the most delectable crust. This recipe will wind up on your regular roster.

Ingredients:
- 1 tbsp coarse salt
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin seeds
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 4 bone-in pork chops, 1 inch (2.5 cm) thick, trimmed

Directions:
1. In a bowl, combine all the ingredients, except for the pork chops. Place the meat on a plate. Coat and rub with the spice mixture. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.
2. Preheat the grill, setting the burners to medium-high. Oil the grate.
3. Grill the pork chops for 4 to 5 minutes on each side for medium-rare doneness. Let rest for 5 minutes. If desired, garnish with chopped celery leaves.

Beef and Leek Confit Open-Faced Sandwich

Makes 4 servings.

The linchpin component here is the leek confit, which sounds fancy but is easy as pie to make: It's simply seasoned leeks baked for 40 minutes in cream and butter. Served over crusty country bread and topped with hot mustard, cheese, arugula and thinly sliced flank steak, it makes for a simple but memorable meal.

Ingredients:
For leeks:
- 2 leeks, cut into pieces 1 1/4 inches (3 cm) thick
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) 35 per cent heavy cream
- 1/4 cup (55 g) cold butter, cubed
- Salt and pepper, to taste

For beef:
- 1 flank steak or beef strip loin, about 1 lb (450 g)
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil

For sandwiches:
- 4 slices country bread
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) Dijon mustard
- 8 oz (200 g) firm cheese (Marechal, Comté, Gruyère), cut into 4 slices
- 1 cup (25 g) baby arugula
- Pepper, to taste

Directions:
1. To make the leek confit, with the rack in middle position preheat the oven to 400F/200C. In a baking dish, spread the leeks in an even layer and cover with the cream and butter. Season with salt and pepper. Cover and bake for 40 minutes. Uncover and continue baking for about 5 minutes. Set aside.
2. Meanwhile, to prepare the beef, heat oil in skillet over medium heat. Add meat and brown on both sides until desired doneness. Set aside on a plate and let rest for about 15 minutes. Thinly slice the meat.
3. To make the sandwiches, move oven rack to highest position and preheat broiler. Place bread slices on a baking sheet. Spread with mustard and cover with cheese. Broil for about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and bread begins to toast. Garnish with sliced beef, leeks, and arugula. Generously season.

Cheddar and Broccoli Soup

Makes 4 servings.

Broccoli is a hard sell for some kids, but not in this recipe, which includes so many other favourite flavours: cheddar cheese, cream, chicken broth, even ham! The result is a hearty soup that's creamy, salty and smoky, and the embodiment of comfort food. Make a double batch and you'll have enough to warm your soul every day this week.

Ingredients:
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp (40 g) butter
- 4 thin slices ham, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup (40 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg
- 3 1/2 cups (875 mL) chicken broth
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) 35 per cent heavy cream or 15 per cent cooking cream
- 1 tsp (5 mL) whole-grain mustard
- 2 1/2 cups (225 g) grated mild orange cheddar cheese
- 4 cups (1 L) cooked broccoli florets

Directions:
1. In a saucepan over medium heat, soften shallot and garlic in butter. Add ham and cook for 2 minutes. Sprinkle with flour and nutmeg and cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add broth, cream and mustard. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring with a whisk.
2. Simmer gently for about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cheese until it is melted completely. Add broccoli and heat through, without boiling. Lightly season with salt and pepper. Transfer to serving bowls.

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Soup is the ultimate comfort food during the frigid months of winter. A low-fat, veggie-based soup is a simple way to have a healthy part of your meal, but serving it in large bread bowl will sink you nutritionally. The bread bowl is equivalent to 6 slices of bread. This gives you an unnecessary addition of over 6 times the calories and almost double the sodium. Don't eat your bowl! Get a small whole grain roll on the side if you're craving carbs.

LIQUID ASSETS PETER ROCKWELL

Any port in a storm? Not quite, get the real thing

For drinkers of my vintage our first taste of port came out of a big bottle worth about what we now consider bus fare. It wasn't made in Portugal, far from it, and Portuguese winemakers spent years seething over the use and abuse of the name of their signature liquid output by a multitude of foreign countries.

In 2013 Canadian vineyards agreed to stop using the term port to describe their fortified wines; choosing instead to go with the less geographically specific term tawny. (Just to add a bit of confusion, tawny is also used in Portugal to describe a variety of aged wines).

While my generation still struggles with the changeover, millennial-aged consumers only see port as Portuguese. Falling in love with all the sublime personalities the real stuff offers.

If you're looking to discover (or re-discover) Portuguese port, Warre's Otima 10-Year-Old Tawny (500ml, $21.95-$26.99) is a super-smooth aged version with round caramel and soft, nutty flavours that drinks well chilled or at room temperature.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

FOOD BANKS GROW THEIR OWN WAY

Shortages spurring action

In a bid to make up for a shortfall of high-quality nutritious food, some Canadian food banks are growing their own — and even farming fish.

The Mississauga Food Bank recently launched AquaGrow Farms, where tilapia is being raised in tanks and lettuce is raised through hydroponics, or without soil. Executive director Christopher Hatch said the Ontario food bank is the first in Canada to be producing its own fish.

"It's not a complete solution, but it's certainly in the right direction and it shows the community we're thinking creatively about how to solve this problem," said Hatch.

Clients of a food bank depot in Surrey, B.C., part of metro Vancouver, will also be the recipients of leafy salad greens, thanks to hydroponic growing walls donated by Living Garden Foods.

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DOCUMENTARY

Cineplex honours Sharkwater's Stewart

Cineplex will honour the late Canadian filmmaker Rob Stewart by hosting screenings of his documentary Sharkwater in support of charity at select theatres next week.

Sharkwater — A Tribute to Rob Stewart events will be held on Feb. 25 in Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, B.C., Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Oakville, Ont., London, Ont., Windsor, Ont., Montreal, Halifax, Charlottetown and St. John's, N.L.

Free tickets will be available at the box office of participating theatres in exchange for a donation to WWF-Canada, with all funds to be directed toward continuing the work of the late Toronto conservationist.

Sharkwater debuted at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2006 and went on to become a hit with critics and audiences, scoring the largest-ever opening weekend at the box office for a Canadian documentary.

Rob Stewart's body was found on Feb. 3. GETTY IMAGES

The film explores the decline of the shark population at the hands of humans, and is credited for prompting changes to government policies on shark finning around the world.

Stewart's body was recovered on Feb. 3 days after he went missing off the coast of Florida where he had been diving with friends while filming Sharkwater followup Sharkwater Extinction. THE CANADIAN PRESS

State fights Dassey release

TRUE CRIME

Making A Murderer case confession at heart of appeal

State attorneys tried to persuade a panel of federal appellate judges that a Wisconsin inmate featured in the Netflix series Making a Murderer made a voluntary confession and was properly convicted.

Brendan Dassey was sentenced to life in prison in 2007 in connection with Teresa Halbach's death two years earlier. Dassey told detectives he helped his uncle, Steven Avery, rape and kill Halbach in the Avery family's Manitowoc County salvage yard. Avery was sentenced to life in prison in a separate trial.

A federal magistrate judge overturned Dassey's conviction in August, ruling investigators took advantage of the then-16-year-old Dassey's cognitive disabilities and tricked him into confessing with false promises that he would be all right. The state Department of Justice has appealed; Dassey remains in prison pending the outcome.

Brendan Dassey has been imprisoned since 2006. AP PHOTO

Attorneys for both DOJ and Dassey presented oral arguments to a three-judge panel at the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago on Tuesday.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported DOJ Deputy Solicitor General Luke Berg told the panel detectives never made Dassey any specific promises. Judge Ilana Rovner asked whether Dassey, whom the judge described as "extremely suggestible," wouldn't have concluded based on the questioning that he would be able to go home rather than getting arrested.

Berg insisted the investigators acted properly and didn't so much as imply promises. Judge David Hamilton seemed to dispute that, telling Berg that obviously the investigators made vague promises of leniency.

Dassey's attorney, Laura Nirider, argued the detectives made a "drumbeat of promises" before every major admission in the confession. Hamilton, though, told her he had watched the entire interrogation and didn't think Dassey's will was subverted.

The arguments lasted less than an hour. The panel has no time table for a decision and it could be months before they rule. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Riverdale tries to find its flow

K.J. Apa is Archie and Lili Reinhart is Betty in Riverdale, a darker version of the comic book series Archie. NETFLIX CANADA

THE SHOW: Riverdale, Season 1, Episode 2 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The pep rally

A student has died, but the pep rally goes on, led by the dead student's twin, Cheryl Blossom (Madelaine Petsch), queen beyotch. Archie (K.J. Apa), a hunky football star, spies his estranged emo pal Jughead (Cole Sprouse) by the bleachers.

"I didn't mean all that crap I said to you," Archie says. "I'm sorry."

"It's cool," Jughead shrugs. Then he grins. "We're not gonna hug in front of this whole town. So why don't we just do that bro thing where we nod like douches and mutually suppress our emotions."

Josie (Ashleigh Murray) and the Pussycats, a trio who wear cat ears, begin singing, "Baby want your sugar I'm ready to get served," and then segue into a hip hop version of Sugar, Sugar. The marching band and cheerleaders — including Betty and Veronica (Lili Reinhardt and Camila Mendes) join in.

I think this moody, self-referential take on the classic comic book series is in on the joke — that it's both homage to and send-up of self-serious, pre-Golden Age TV dramas.

I called it Twin Peaks 90210 before I even knew that a star of the former, Madchen Amick, plays Betty's mom, and a star of the latter, Luke Perry, plays Archie's dad.

But despite all the knowing updates — Betty's bestie is gay, Moose is a jock-in-the-closet, and people say things like "Can't we in this post-James-Franco era liberate ourselves from the tired jock/artist dichotomy?" — I still think this is an adult's idea of teenagers. No kid today cares about the in-joke references, and nothing can make Sugar, Sugar cool.

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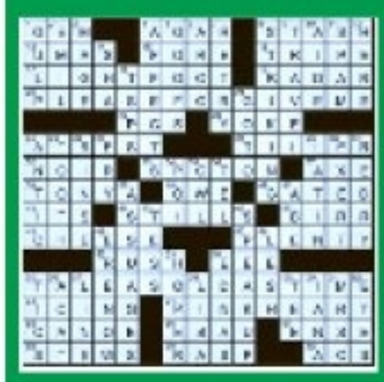

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Corolla safety features add value

REVIEW

XSE: Safer and sleeker but still not very fun to drive

Jodi Lai
AutoGuide.com

The Toyota Corolla is simultaneously one of the most loved and hated cars on the market. Millions of people buy them, yet car snobs will go on and on about how boring they are. Here's the truth: For what it is — a budget compact sedan — the Toyota Corolla is perfectly fine, especially because it has just been refreshed for the 2017 model year.

There are a lot of misconceptions we have to clear up about the 2017 Toyota Corolla. People will tell you it's garbage because it feels like a cheap car. But the 2017 Corolla gets a new look that gives the sedan some personality. LED headlights and a backup camera are now standard, but more importantly, so is Toyota's safety technology package.

Where most other cars in this class make you pay extra, the Corolla includes automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection, lane departure alert with steering assist, adaptive cruise control and automatic highbeams as standard equipment. That's a huge deal, considering this car starts at $18,500 in the U.S. and $16,390 in Canada.

Another misconception is that the Corolla is awful to drive. In the city, the Corolla is actually pretty great. It's easy and fuss-free, it has great sightlines and off-the-line acceleration isn't terrible. The turning radius is nice and tight so parking and completing U-turns is easy.

It's when you take the Corolla on the highway where it becomes a little depressing. The steering gets extra vague and twitchy, but even worse is that the engine is borderline unresponsive when trying to make a pass.

As tested, this Corolla comes with heated seats, a push-button start, keyless entry, auto-dimming rearview mirror, an eight-way power driver's seat, leather-like seating, a sunroof and navigation as options.

In terms of value, the Corolla undercuts the Civic on price while still offering more important standard features at base level. Even fully loaded, the pricing isn't out of whack, but topline models start to step on the toes of much better, more complete cars that might offer a better driving experience or feel more luxurious.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 TOYOTA COROLLA XSE

THE BASICS

Engine: 1.8L four-cylinder
Output: 140 hp, 126 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: CVT
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 8.3 city, 6.7 hwy, 7.5 combined (CVT)
Price: Starts at $16,390/$26,928 as tested

LOVE IT

- Generous standard features and safety equipment
- Affordable
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LEAVE IT

- Lackluster driving dynamics on highway

Big reveals at the Chicago Auto Show

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LIMITED EDITION

Turning 80 no challenge

Mopar is celebrating its 80th birthday with a limited-edition Dodge Challenger, revealed at the 2017 Chicago Auto Show.

Mopar, Fiat Chrysler Automobile's (FCA) official aftermarket parts arm, puts together limited-edition models every year, but for 2017, the car doubles as a birthday celebration.

Mopar will build just 160 of these cars, 80 of which will be available in Pitch Black/Contusion Blue while the other 80 will come in Pitch Black/Billet Silver. Each car comes with a serialized Mopar '17 edition badge under the hood, while each customers also gets a Mopar '17 owner's kit which includes things like a welcome letter, birth certificate for the car, a Mopar '17 rendering, Mopar valve stem caps and more.

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GETAWAY

Weekend with the new Atlas

Volkswagen of America premiered a new trim package for the Atlas, the Weekend Edition. Inspired by the popular Vanagon and Eurovan Weekender packages from the '80s — which featured a pop-top and closet, but no stove or fridge — the Atlas Weekend Edition is designed to be perfect for a weekend excursion. The trunk is lined with protective plastic and the roof is topped with a pop-up cargo box.

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OUTDOOR

RAV4 revamped for adventure

Toyota is set to offer a fresh version of its popular RAV4 compact crossover.

The new Adventure trim was just revealed at the Chicago Auto Show. Available in model year 2018, this vehicle is dressed for the great outdoors, featuring larger fender flares, an elevated ride height and a standard trailer-prep package.

You can look for the RAV4 Adventure at Toyota dealerships in September.

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MBA GUIDE

Learning through venture creation

If you sat in on a venture creation class at the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business, you might see students playing with Lego. The exercise is meant to teach students to appreciate the different ways in which people create. It is also fitting for a course that teaches master of business administration (MBA) students entrepreneurship in a unique way.

"This course is about doing," says Derek Hassay, RBC teaching professor of entrepreneurial thinking. "Concepts don't resonate until they are real and in this course students gain critical thinking and become more well rounded because they have to employ accounting knowledge, for example, even if they are ultimately heading into marketing. They become much more conversant with the market and understand demand a lot better. It's theirs, so they are invested."

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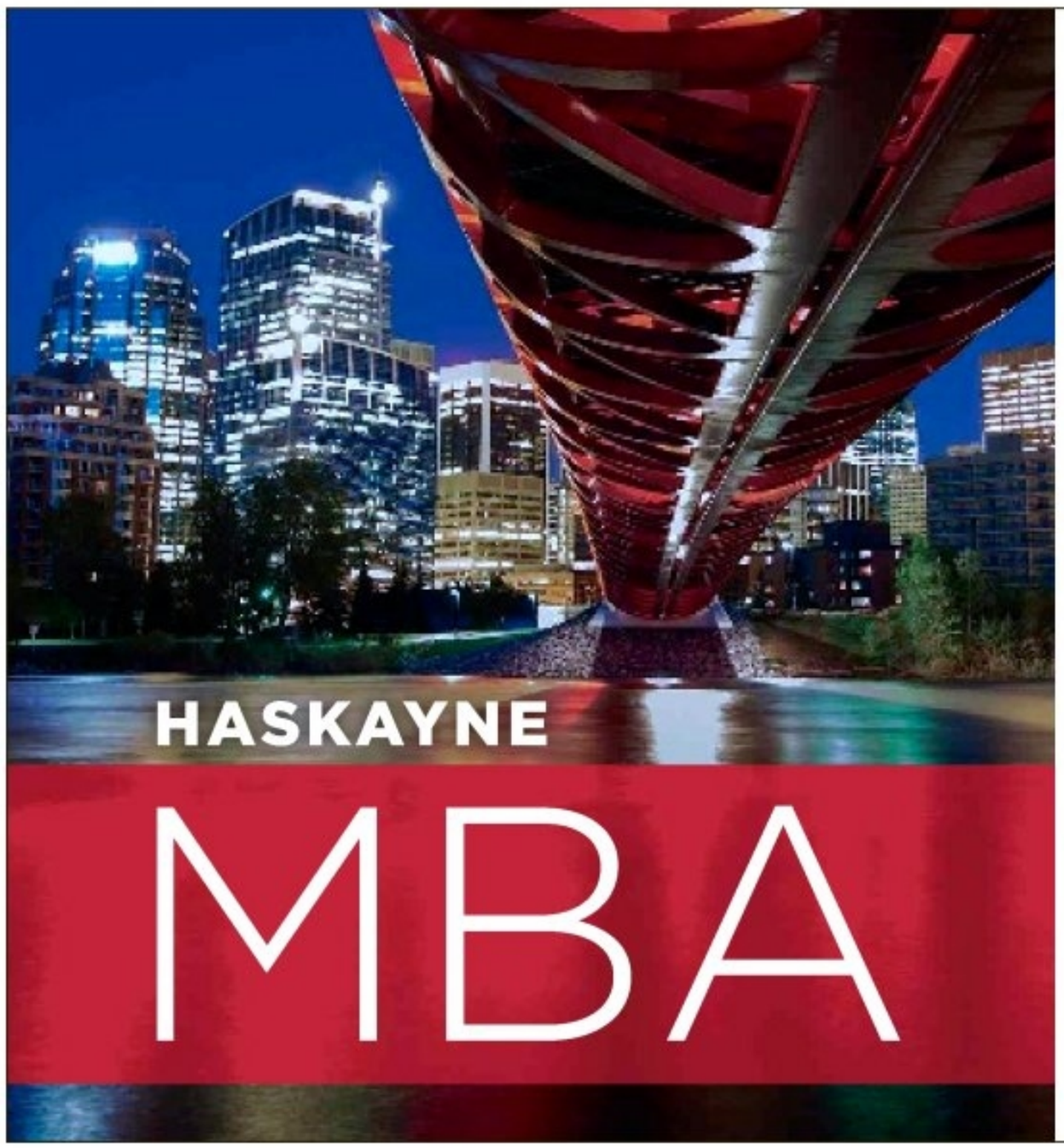
The "it," which is at the core of the newly redesigned venture creation course, is the development of a new venture. As a lead-up to this elective class, MBA students take a mandatory course called entrepreneurial thinking, during which they complete a project to identify and research an opportunity then write and present the results of their feasibility assessment. In venture creation, they bring that opportunity to life.

"The products my students are working on aren't ideas," says Hassay. "What they are doing is identifying problems and trying to solve those problems and innovate in that space. They learn the only thing worth something is action and many are forging new spaces. We have students working on virtual reality products or consumer products for moms or families."

As the course covers topics such as business models and the concept of value and students develop their ventures, Hassay says Haskayne's Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation offers its support, with members of the Centre's Team Hunter serving as mentors, advisors and guest speakers.

"Team Hunter is comprised of about 165 community entrepreneurs and industry experts who have an interest in supporting student-led entrepreneurial activity," he says. "So while students are out there doing everything from research to networking, they have guidance.

"And even if they don't become entrepreneurs, their toolkit is much more complete."



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More ways to earn your MBA without pausing your career

One of Thompson Rivers University's (TRU) key values is accessibility. It is a principle, says the school's director of graduate business programs, that makes its master of business administration (MBA) program one of Canada's most flexible.

"The traditional full-time format doesn't work for every student," says Victoria Martin. "Some are unable to or don't want to pause their careers for up to two years, some have other commitments and some live in remote areas without a local university. That's why we offer such flexible study options."

TRU, while facilitating traditional full-time and part-time MBA formats, also offers an accelerated one-year alternative (allowing those with an acceptable undergraduate degree in business or commerce to enter directly into the second year of the full-time program), a fully online option and a blended online-in-person learning delivery.

"Our online option attracts working professionals, who find the flexibility enables them to achieve their goals while maintaining their careers," says Martin. "Our on-campus program typically attracts slightly younger students who see a strong value in the network-building aspects and enhanced extracurricular activities of the face-to-face experience."

Delivery isn't the only choice TRU MBA students make. The school also offers a course-based or research-based completion option. Martin says in the course-based MBA, students complete four courses in advanced topics such as innovation and entrepreneurship and decision analysis and modelling. In the research-based completion option, meanwhile, students complete a thesis or a graduate project.

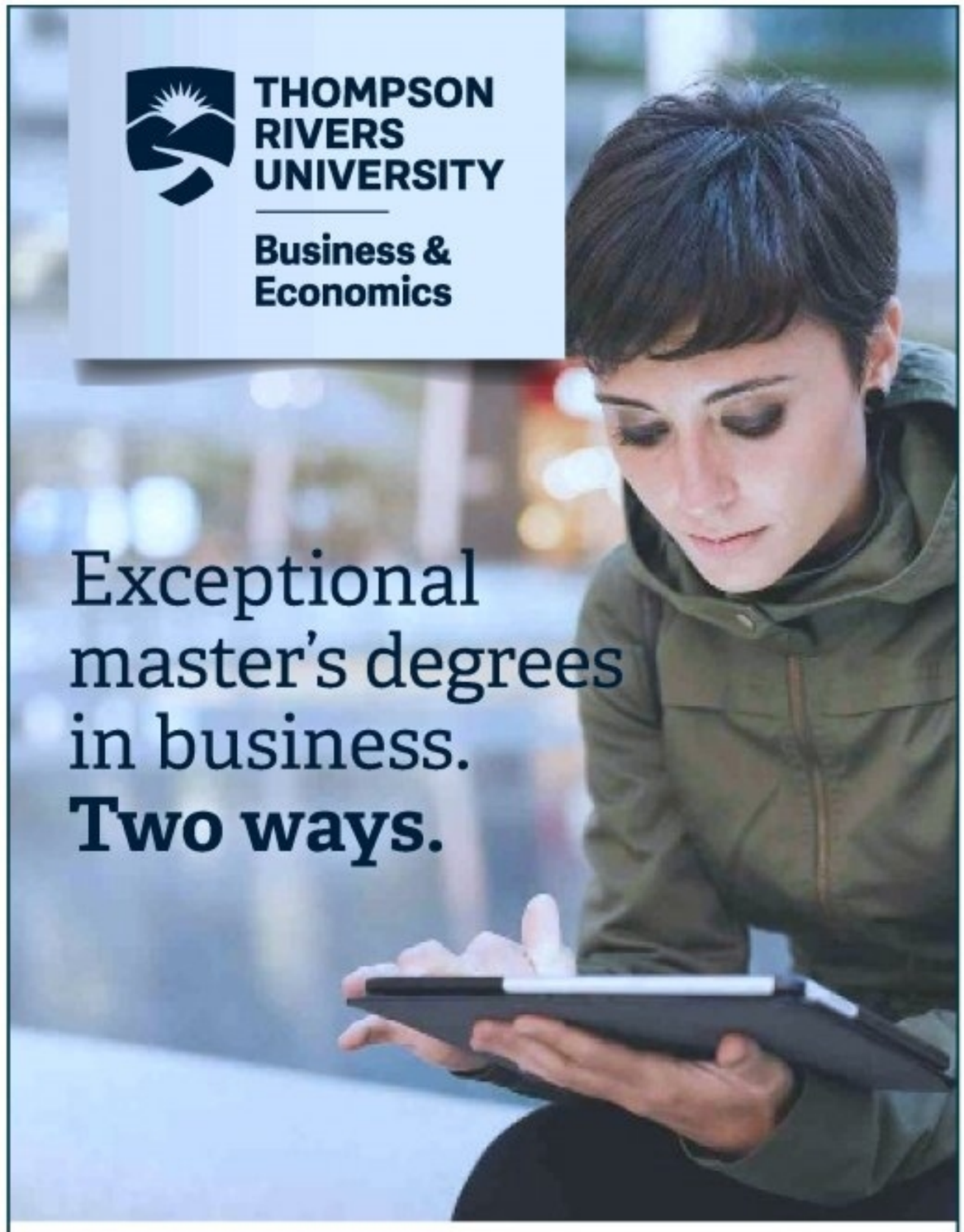
"Ours is a general MBA, designed to provide graduates with a set of skills that is transferable to any type of role, organization or industry," she says. "We recognize most of us will change careers several times during our working life and we want our graduates to be well equipped for any path they choose."

WE WANT OUR GRADUATES TO BE WELL EQUIPPED FOR ANY PATH THEY CHOOSE

– Victoria Martin, TRU director of graduate business programs

TRU's School of Business and Economics has also been innovative in its development of other graduate programs. In September, it will launch two master's degrees in environmental economics and management.

"If you're passionate about making a difference in the field of sustainability management, these programs will give you the tools and knowledge to achieve change from within the system," says Martin.



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An Atlanta zoo has named a cockroach after Patriots quarterback Tom Brady after losing a Super Bowl bet with a Rhode Island zoo

Raptors pull trigger on trade for Ibaka

NBA

Ross, draft pick headed to Magic in exchange for power forward

The Toronto Raptors were cartwheeling down the Eastern Conference standings, and a sense of unease had seeped into the dressing room.

But team president Masai Ujiri made a big splash Tuesday by reeling in Serge Ibaka from the Orlando Magic, acquiring a player he's long coveted and filling a void at the power forward position. The Raptors gave up Terrence Ross and a first-round pick in the 2017 draft in exchange for a pivotal big man they hope can catapult them in the right direction.

"He's definitely one of a kind when it comes to rim protection, being able to score in the post, and also space the floor as well," Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan said at the team's morning shootaround in Chicago. "Sucks to see (Terrence) go, but now we've got to make this new adjustment with a great new addition."

The Raptors did not make an official announcement but a source confirmed the deal to The Canadian Press.

Ross later posted on Twitter: "Toronto thank you for all the memories, thanks to the amazing fans. Couldn't of been drafted to a better city. Thanks to to my team. All luv."

Serge Ibaka boxes out Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony on Jan. 2 in New York. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

The move came with the Raptors mired in their worst slump in two seasons. After Tuesday night's loss in Chicago against the Bulls, the Raptors have dropped 11 of their last 15 games to slip from second to fifth in the Eastern Conference standings.

A 102-101 loss to Detroit last Sunday prompted all-star guard Kyle Lowry to say in a funereal post-game dressing room: "Something's got to give, something's got to change."

Terrence Ross
GETTY IMAGES

In Ibaka, a chiselled six-foot-10 power forward, the Raptors get a versatile player who can knock down shots and provide a huge presence in the paint.

"I think he's a great addition to any team and especially to ours where we can add some shot-blocking, some outside shooting, some inside toughness, some athleticism, running up and down the floor," Lowry said in Chicago. "I think he's going to be a guy who can take some pressure off of me and DeMar."

Ibaka, who will become a free agent this summer, is averaging 15.1 points, 6.8 rebounds and 1.6 blocks a game this season.

Ross, who was selected by Toronto with the eighth overall pick in the 2012 draft, is averaging 10.4 points a game this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Therrien out, Julien in as Habs coach

The Montreal Canadiens fired head coach Michel Therrien on Tuesday and brought back former Boston Bruins bench boss Claude Julien to help put life back into their slumping team.

Julien became available when he was fired in his 10th season with the Bruins last week and Canadiens general manager Marc Bergevin was quick to snap him up. It is believed that a handful of other teams were also interested in the 56-year-old coach.

> **Today we hired the best available coach, and one of the league's best.**
> Habs GM Marc Bergevin

The Canadiens opened the season with a 13-1-1 mark but have been listless over the last two months and have a 2-6-1 record in their last nine games. There was fear of another collapse like last season, when the club went from first place to out of the playoffs after star goalie Carey Price was injured.

Speculation had been building that Therrien would be let go. He ended up being replaced by Julien for the second time in his career. Therrien's first stint with Montreal from 2000-03 ended when Julien took over from 2003-06.

Julien is to run his first practice Friday afternoon and coach the next day in a matinee against the visiting Winnipeg Jets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Ex-Stamp Dennis moves to Riderville

Chris Jones highlighted an eventful opening day of CFL free agency.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders head coach/GM landed one of the most coveted free agents in Derek Dennis. The six-foot-three 340-pound Dennis was the CFL's top lineman last season after anchoring a Calgary Stampeders offensive line that allowed a league-low 20 sacks and paved the way for rushing leader Jerome Messam.

Derek Dennis
THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Stampeders signed receiver Marquay McDaniel and defensive lineman Micah Johnson to extensions. McDaniel was the team's leading receiver last year with 83 catches for 1,074 yards, while Johnson registered career highs in tackles (36) and sacks (seven) in 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dinos Bull-dozed again by Chicago

Doug McDermott scored 20 points, All-Star Jimmy Butler had 19 points and 12 assists in his return to the lineup, and the Chicago Bulls continued their mastery over the Toronto Raptors in a 105-94 victory on Tuesday night.

Taj Gibson had 14 points and Rajon Rondo added 12 to help the Bulls beat the Raptors for the 11th straight time. Toronto's last win in the series was Dec. 31, 2013.

Chicago led by as many as 23 points and never trailed in the final three quarters to snap a three-game skid.

Kyle Lowry scored 22 points to lead the Raptors, who lost their third straight and fell one-half game behind idle Atlanta for the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference. DeMar DeRozan was limited to 18 points — 10 below his season average. He was whistled for two technical fouls with 25 seconds left and ejected from the game.

TUESDAY In Chicago

BULLS	RAPTORS
105	94

The loss came hours after the Raptors acquired forward Serge Ibaka from the Orlando Magic. The need for his physical toughness was apparent from the start.

Chicago attacked the rim with success and threw down five dunks in the second quarter alone.

At the 1:44 mark of the second period, Butler converted two free throws to give Chicago a 56-35 lead, its largest of the first half.

Gibson had all of his scoring in the first half as the Bulls shot 51 per cent from the field while taking a 58-39 lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bulls guard Doug McDermott shoots over Cory Joseph on Tuesday in Chicago.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

PSG blasts Barca in first leg of Champs League meeting

Two years after being humiliated by Barcelona in the Champions League, Paris Saint-Germain turned the tables on the five-time champions with a relentless display of skill, energy and determination.

Angel Di Maria scored two goals and top scorer Edinson Cavani grabbed his 34th of the season, with both players scoring on their birthdays as PSG battered Barcelona 4-0 in the first leg of their Round of 16 contest on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crosby records 999th point, Pens crush Canucks

Evgeni Malkin scored and picked up an assist in his return from a lower-body injury, Sidney Crosby got his 999th career point with an assist and the Pittsburgh Penguins rolled by the Vancouver Canucks 4-0 on Tuesday night.

Phil Kessel, Jake Guentzel and Matt Cullen also scored for the Penguins. Matt Murray stopped 29 shots for his third shutout of the season and fourth of his career. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Effortless Salmon Dinner Tray Bake

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Cooking your entire dinner on a tray is the ultimate in ease and deliciousness.

Ready in 35minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 4 salmon filets
- 12 new potatoes
- 1 bundle of asparagus, washed and trimmed
- 20 cherry tomatoes
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp fresh or dried thyme
- salt and pepper
- big squeeze of lemon juice

Directions
1. 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment.
3. Thinly slice potatoes and scatter them across baking sheet. Season with 2 Tbsp of olive oil, pinch of salt, pepper and thyme. Place in oven for 15 minutes.
4. Remove tray from oven. Increase heat to 400 degrees. Lay salmon filets over the potatoes and add the asparagus and tomatoes. Return to oven for 10 to 15 minutes, or until salmon is cooked.
5. Remove from oven. Squeeze lemon juice over the whole pan and serve.

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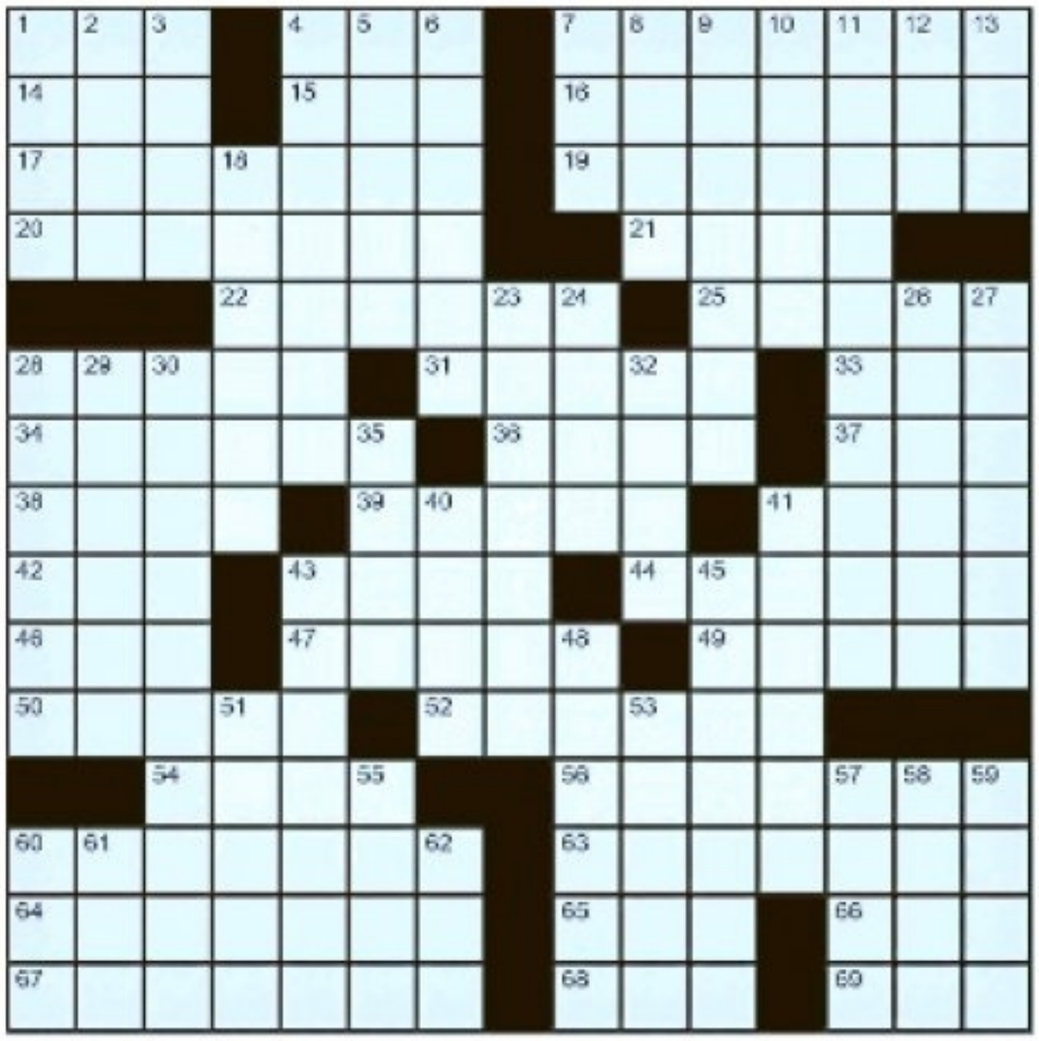

ACROSS
1. "_ and Away" (1992)
4. Mouth, informally
7. Type of landscape feature in Wapusk National Park, in Manitoba: 2 wds.
14. Green
15. "Bravo!"
16. Hors d'oeuvres tray's ritzy roes
17. Norah Jones' musician father, Ravi _
19. Fruit loaf of Germany
20. Gown and cap wearers
21. Perfected
22. Comedians
25. TV network VIPs
28. Dog: French
31. Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
33. Quebec turndown
34. Who Achilles killed in the Trojan War
36. Mr. Brynner's
37. Roxy Music's Brian
38. 'Mars'-meaning prefix
39. Actor Mr. Davis
41. Flintstones pet
42. Mythical bird
43. Chimney stuff
44. Beer keg 'faucet'
46. Ms. Carrere
47. "Wicked Game" singer Chris
49. Niners - Eighters = _
50. Theater curtain fabric
52. Furniture polish
54. Rock guitarist Steve's
56. Followers of The Way
60. Test tube room, fun-style: 2 wds.
63. Bauble
64. Barbary pirate
65. Ms. Ronstadt, for short
66. Singer Janis
67. Skiing venues
68. HS subject
69. Texter's polite abbr.

DOWN
1. Admit, _ up
2. Patient's pain
3. Horse coat
4. Title lady in a Barenaked Ladies song: 2 wds.
5. _ clock
6. "Prince of _: The Sands of Time" (2010)
7. "Sussudio" singer ...his initials-sharers
8. "I could _ _ horse I'm so hungry!"
9. Shorebirds with stilt-like legs
10. Bathroom cleaning brand
11. Ottawa-Gatineau's annual festival Winterlude as it is known in French: 3 mots
12. Iron _
13. American cable channel
18. Kind with: 2 wds.
23. Where to see the works of art at #30-Down: _ Garden, at Ottawa's Confederation Park
24. Feng _
26. Sarah _, "The Terminator" (1984) character
27. Snobs
28. Business meeting graphics
29. Courageous
30. They have created fantastically frigid sculptures at #11-Down: 2 wds.
32. Pub beverages
35. Aussie hoppers
40. Sudsy stuff
41. Have your meal at home: 2 wds.
43. Resembling
45. Travelling via a bouncy retro stick
48. Tea maker's need
51. Retort to "You are not!": 3 wds.
53. "Beyond the Sea" singer Bobby
55. "Who knows?" = "Qui _?", en francais
57. Bypass
58. Blue/green
59. RR depots
60. "Proud Mary" gr.
61. Tilling tool
62. Loni Anderson's famous ex ...his initials-sharers

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is an upbeat day to deal with members of the general public. It's also a good day to enjoy the company of partners and close friends.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Co-workers will be supportive of you today, because everyone is in a good mood. Work-related travel is likely.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a fun day for sports events, playful activities with children, the arts, social occasions and romance. Whatever you do will expand your day in a funfilled way.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The earlier part of this day is excellent for real-estate deals. This also is a wonderful time to entertain at home. Invite the gang over.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a positive day for those who are in sales, marketing, writing, teaching or acting, because you really are on your game! All Leos feel upbeat and positive.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a good day for business and commerce because you're not afraid to think big. A positive attitude with great expectations almost always will yield good results.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today the Moon is in your sign, lined up with lucky Jupiter. This makes you generous and sympathetic to others. You feel optimistic and willing to help wherever you can.-

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might put your needs second today to help someone who is in dire straits. You will do this because it feels rewarding to do the right thing.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You'll enjoy hanging out with others today, especially in clubs, teams and classes. There's a strong sense of camaraderie with others, especially if you are working for a common goal.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your enthusiasm for something will impress bosses, parents and VIPs today. They see your positive attitude as an asset, and they are willing to bet on you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a good day to make travel plans because you are enthusiastic about what is possible. You're not afraid to think big and reach for the impossible.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You can benefit from the wealth and resources of others today, which is why gifts, goodies and favours will come your way.

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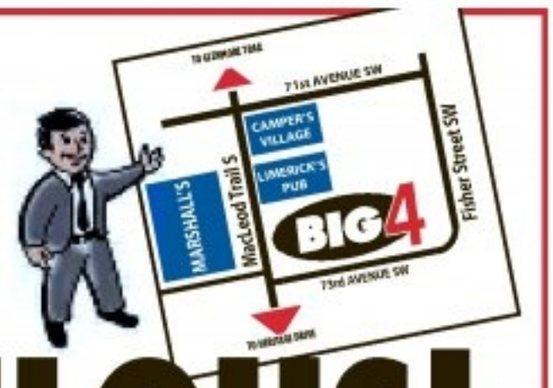

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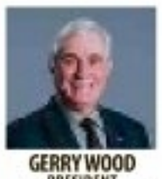
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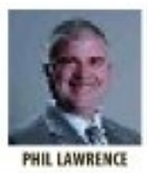
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